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SUBJECT: CPC 18TH SESSION FIRST PART - PUBLIC INFORMATION
(CONCLUDED) USDEL REPORT #5

1. IN MORNING MAY 26, CPC FINISHED ITS CONSIDERA-
TION OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN (PUBLIC
INFORMATION) BY GOING OVER THE 4 SUBPROGRAMS. MANY OF
THE INTERVENTIONS REPEATED POINTS MADE DURING GENERAL
STATEMENTS OF THE DAY BEFORE.

2. MOST DISCUSSION CONCERNED SUBPROGRAM 2 (INFORMATION IN
DEPTH) AND CENTERED ON DELAYS IN BRINGING OUT THE UN
YEARBOOK AND THE MONTHLY CHRONICLE. WITH RESPECT TO
THE YEARBOOK, IT WAS NOTED THAT OPI ESTIMATED 18 MONTHS
AS THE MINIMUM TIME REQUIRED TO BRING OUT A VOLUME:
9-10 MONTHS TO GET DRAFTS; 6 MONTHS FOR OPI EDITING; AND
3 MONTHS FOR PRINTING. BELGIUM, SUPPORTED BY US, SAID
THIS LENGTH OF TIME WAS UNACCEPTABLE AND BYELORUSSIA
NOTED THAT IT COULD BE 20 MONTHS OR MORE BEFORE CONSUMERS
GOT THE VOLUME. SINCE ONLY LEEWAY SEEMED TO BE IN
THE ORIGINAL SUBMISSION OF DRAFTS, CPC AGREED, ON UK
INITIATIVE, TO RECOMMEND THAT SYG REQUIRE SUBMISSIONS
WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF END OF YEAR.

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3. COMPLAINTS WERE RAISED BY FRANCE AND OTHERS ON THE
LATENESS OF THE MONTHLY CHRONICLE, WHICH SOMETIMES TOOK
SIX MONTHS TO APPEAR IN THE FRENCH AND SPANISH VERSIONS
AND THEN CONTAINED INACCURACIES. IT WAS RECALLED THAT
CPC LAST YEAR HAD POSED POSSIBILITY THAT THE CHRONICLE
SHOULD BE CHANGED INTO A QUARTERLY TO EASE THE

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE. THIS SUGGESTION DID NOT GENERATE MUCH SUPPORT THIS YEAR, AND INDIA EXPRESSED THE STRONG VIEW THAT IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE A MONTHLY, DECLARING THAT IF IT COULD NOT BE DONE PROPERLY IT SHOULD BE DONE AWAY WITH; MAKING IT A QUARTERLY WOULD BE A BAD COMPROMISE.

4. PAKISTAN RAISED QUESTION OF WHY OPI NO LONGER PREPARED A UN HANDBOOK LIKE THAT WHICH NEW ZEALAND NOW PUBLISHES, AND WHICH OPI USED TO BRING OUT, THOUGH IN A SOMEWHAT SHORTER FORM. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING US AND BELGIUM, ENDORSED PAKISTAN'S POSITION ON USEFULNESS OF SUCH A PUBLICATION. YOUNG

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